An Extract of a Letter Written from Rome, *dated the* 16th. *of* November *laſt, to Signior* Sarotti, *concerning a Diſcovery made upon the Inundation of the* Tevere. *Tranſlated out of the* Italian.

I Believe you have already heard how the Inundation of our River has done ſeveral conſiderable Miſchiefs all about this City, ſpoiling ſeveral fine Houſes, and very large Aqueducts, by breaking down their conducts, &c. It has in ſeveral Places, (eſpecially without this City) by breaking the Ground, diſcovered Vaults unknown before, great part of them full of earthen Urnes, and Sepulchers, but of no great conſideration, by the Inſcriptions they had upon them: Only in a Place within two Miles of this City, where there was ſome great antient Ruines, the Water having pierced a ſtrong thick Wall which joyned to a great Country Palace, and paſſing under the ſame, broke out at a corner of an Aqueduct by the ſaid Houſe, where there was found a ſmall Vaulte of an Oval Figure, in which there was a Stone Sepulcher pretty large, with the following Inſcription P. M. R. C. *cum Uxore*, and more, which could not be diſcerned; By this ſame there was a great earthen Urne ſhut up very cloſe, which being opened, there came out ſuch a ſtrong Smoake, that it made the Man that was by it almoſt giddy, the Smell was like Bitumen, but being quickly diſperſed they found in the bottom of the ſaid Urne an earthen Pot made up as a Lamp, full of a *Materia Oleoſa*, which by degrees, as the cold Air got into it, grew hard.

Several perſons ſuppoſe this to be one of thoſe perpetual Lamps that the Antients mention: For my part, I cannot give yet my Judgment; but after that the buſineſs ſhall be better examined, I ſhall give you a further Account of it; intending to go my ſelf to ſee it, becauſe the Gentleman in whoſe Palace it was found is my good Friend.

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